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Child pornography and sexual predator indictments

Peter Paul Aman, Hiawatha, Kan., is charged with receiving and distributing child pornography. A separate count seeks forfeiture of his computer equipment.

According to the indictment, Aman received and distributed child pornography via computer beginning at a time unknown and continuing through Feb. 25, 2004. Among more than 600 images he received or distributed include those of prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, sexual exploitation of a minor, and sadistic and masochistic conduct.

If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant with a prior conviction on certain sexual abuse and pornography charges, the maximum penalty increases to not less than five years and not more than 30 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case.

Steven Herbert Branson, 52, Ottawa, Kan., is charged with one count of possession of child pornography.

According to the indictment, on July 20, 2004 Branson possessed more than 600 images of child pornography on his computer, including sexually explicit images of prepubescent minors.

If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by the Ottawa Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S.

Attorney Kim Berger.

Charles Collins, 34, Olathe, is charged with one count of possession of child pornography.

According to the indictment, on April 7, 2004 Collins possessed more than 600 images of child pornography on his computer including sexually explicit images of prepubescent minors.

If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Berger.

Delbert M. Cox, 56, Olathe, is charged with one count of possession of child pornography and one count of receiving child pornography.

According to the indictment, on July 3, 2004 Cox possessed more than 600 images of child pornography on his computer, including sexually explicit images of a prepubescent minor or a minor under 12 years old.

If convicted on the possession charge, he faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. If convicted on the charge of receiving child pornography he faces not less than 5 years in prison and not more than 20 years and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 15 years and not more than 40 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Berger.

Robert A. Cutsinger, 65, Inman, Kan., is charged with one count of receiving child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography.

According to the indictment, during the time leading up to May 20, 2004 Cutsinger received more than 600 images of child pornography via computer. The images included prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and sadistic or masochistic conduct.

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The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger is prosecuting.

John W. Fulmer, 44, Neodesha, Kan. is charged with one count of receiving child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography. A separate count seeks the forfeiture of his computer equipment.

According to the indictment, Fulmer received pornographic images of children engaged in sex via computer on Feb. 12, 2004 in Wilson County, Kan. There were more than 10 and fewer than 160 images whose content included prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct as well as minors in images portraying sadistic or masochistic conduct.

If convicted on the possession charge, he faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. If convicted on the charge of receiving child pornography he faces not less than 5 years in prison and not more than 20 years and a \$250,000 fine. The Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger is prosecuting.

Ricky L. Gage, 48, Kechi, Kan., is charged with one count of receiving and distributing child pornography. A separate count seeks the forfeiture of his computer equipment.

According to the indictment, Gage received and distributed pornographic images of children via computer from May 11, 2004 to Sept. 30, 2004. The images included prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, sadistic and masochistic conduct, and the sexual exploitation of minors.

If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant with a prior conviction on certain sexual abuse and pornography charges, the maximum penalty increases to not less than five years and not more than 30 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case.

Thomas W. Lowrance, 35, Coffeyville, is charged with one count of receiving child pornography and one count of posting child pornography on the Internet by creating a Yahoo Group titled "angelsandsinners" on which he posted pornographic photos of a minor

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engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of not less than five years and not more than 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Exploited and Missing Child Unit, the Wichita Police Department, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Coffeyville Police Department investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch is prosecuting..

Rocky Mancell, 26, Sierra Vista, Ariz., is charged with one count of traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in sex with a minor. A separate count seeks the forfeiture of his computer equipment.

According to the indictment, Mancell traveled from Colorado to Sedgwick County, Kan. on Oct. 28, 2004 for the purpose of having sex with a girl he believed to be 13 years old. Prosecutors are seeking the forfeiture of Mancell's webcam, cell phone and notebook computer.

If convicted, Mancell faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of \$250,000. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger is prosecuting.

Aaron North, 28, Manhattan, Kan, is charged with one count of possession of child pornography. A separate count seeks the forfeiture of his computer equipment.

According to the indictment, North possessed images of child pornography on computer on July 16, 2003 including images of prepubescent minors and minors under the age of 12.

If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Treadway.

William Schaefer, 37, Kansas City, Kan., is charged with one count of possession of child pornography and one count of receiving child pornography.

According to the indictment, Schaefer possessed more than 600 child pornography images on computer, including images of prepubescent minors or minors under the age of 12, on Feb. 19, 2004.

If convicted on the possession charge, he faces up to 10 years in prison and a

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Aaron Shaffer, 26, Topeka, Kan, is charged with one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. A separate count seeks the forfeiture of his computer equipment.

According to the indictment, Shaffer distributed on Jan. 10, 2003 images of child pornography including images of prepubescent minors or minors under the age of 12 and images portraying sadistic and masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence. The indictment says he possessed such images from Jan. 21, 2003 through July 28, 2003.

If convicted on the distribution charge, he faces not less than 5 years in prison and not more than 20 years and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 5 years in prison and not more than 30 years and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Treadway.

Christopher Strauss, 33, Kansas City, Kan., is charged with one count of possession of child pornography and one count of receiving child pornography.

According to the indictment, on Feb. 18, 2004, he possessed on computer images of child pornography including images of prepubescent minors or minors under the age of 12 and images portraying sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence.

If convicted on the possession charge, he faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. If convicted on the charge of receiving child pornography he faces not less than 5 years in prison and not more than 20 years and a \$250,00 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 15 years and not more than 40 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Investigated the case and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Berger is prosecuting

Glenda S. Yancey-Beck, 45, Wichita, Kan, is charged with one count of receiving child pornography. A separate count seeks the forfeiture of her computer.

According to the indictment, during the time leading up to Jan. 31, 2003 the defendant received via computer images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The images included prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and images of sadistic or masochistic conduct.

If convicted on the charge of receiving child pornography he faces not less than 5 years in prison and not more than 20 years and a \$250,00 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 15 years and not more than 40 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger is prosecuting

Dennis Webb, 44, Merriam, Kan., is charged with one count of possession of child pornography and one count of receiving child pornography.

According to the indictment, on Feb. 11, 2004 he possessed more than 600 pornographic images of children and on May 31, 2003 he received and distributed computer images of child pornography. These included images of a prepubescent minor or a minor under 12.

If convicted on the possession charge, he faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. If convicted on the charge of receiving child pornography he faces not less than 5 years in prison and not more than 20 years and a \$250,00 fine. For a defendant who has a prior conviction relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward the maximum penalty increases to not less than 15 years and not more than 40 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigated the case and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Berger is prosecuting.

Marlon K. Woodard, 33, Larned, Kan., is charged with one count of receiving child pornography on a computer over the Internet.

According to the indictment, in March 2004 Woodard received sexually explicit images of minors, including prepubescent minors and minors engaged in sadistic or masochistic conduct.

If convicted, Woodard faces not less than five years and not more than 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by the Garden City Police

Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch is prosecuting.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.

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